(ख) से (घ) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में शाखाएं खोलने की भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की वर्तमान नीति के अन्तर्गत, आवश्यक विवरण सहित प्रत्येक जिले में पता लगाए गए केन्द्रों की सूची उस जिले के लीड बैंक को दी जाती है । लीड बैंक, सभी बैंकों से प्राप्त सूचियों का समेकन करने के बाद उसे सिफारिश हेतु तथा सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकार के माध्यम से भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के पास भेजने के वास्ते जिला कलक्टर को प्रस्तुत करता है। शाखा लाइसेंसिंग नीति (1990–95) के अन्तर्गत, सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों की शाखाओं का खोला जाना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और इसलिए इन जिलों के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खोली जाने वाली शाखाओं की संख्या का अनुमान लगाना सम्भव नहीं है ।

High level committee on tax restructure

434. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level expert committee has been constituted to recommend measures to make the existing tax system more elastic broad-based and simple;

(b) if so, whether the Expert Committee has since submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The report has not become due yet.

Integration of tax laws under single code

435. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to integrate laws relating to income tax, wealth tax, and gift tax under a single national code for direct taxes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the extent to which the proposed scheme will be more effective and useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The three Direct Tax Laws, namely, Income-tax Act, Wealth-tax Act and Gift-tax Act, were conceived as parts of an integrated system of taxation. These are now proposed to be physically integrated by means of a Direct Taxes' Code. The Code will result in,—

(i) common procedural provisions,

(ii) rearrangement of the provisions of law on a more rational basis, and

(iii) deletion of provisions which are redundant under the present law.

Consequently, the Code is expected to make the administration of tax laws easy and convenient.

Schemes to MOP up black money

436. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to launch schemes for mopping up black money;